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Mr. Allen Dulles

Director C.I.A.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

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Having just read the article in U.S. News & World Report on the necessity of the U2 flying again, I wish to express myself on the results of the President's statement that we have discontinued these flights. This leaves us in a particularly vulnerable position when further talks with the Soviets occur re Berlin or any other explosive subject. It is unthinkable that we should back down which would lead to further retreats until we lost all allies and eventually ourselves. It would be better to have a showdown battle though the losses in lives mounted into the millions.

We are, as a Nation, believers in God and an after life. Is it not preferable to loose our physical bodies in a fight to preserve our beliefs than to lose our souls in cringing fear? Therefore, it seems to me we should put on a crash program in the development of biological weapons that could destroy all human life in the U.S.S.R. if a showdown became necessary. If we are so equipped, we probably will never have to face that situation. Mr. K. expects to deal from strength at our next conference as he expects us to be uninformed on strategic locations and will try to blackmail us with threats of annihilation. Why should we accept his threat without countering with a threat of complete destruction of his nation?

Biological warfare is the only weapon that does not need specific targets. It can be totally effective without any more knowledge than we now possess. Of course, your agency would continue to gather data on the Reds.

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this are that we will have to rely on reports from foreign agents that have better access to Red terrain than our own which might impair the accuracy of the data furnished.

The fact that we have been making U2 flights has been a great relief to me as I have feared we were too much in the dark of the Soviet war potential.

Sincerely,

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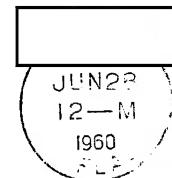
P.S. Allen ,it's been a long time since I've seen you as I've missed reunions for many years.

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